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Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly at the request of France and Malta.

2. At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 1 December 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 26th and 27th meetings, on 9 and 14 December 2009. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/64/SR.26 and 27).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 7 October 2009 from the Permanent Representatives of France and Malta to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/232).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/64/L.19

5. At the 26th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of Malta, on behalf of France and Malta, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/64/L.19).

6. At its 27th meeting, on 14 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/64/L.19 without a vote (see para. 7). The representatives of Argentina and Iran (Islamic Republic of) spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution (see A/C.6/64/SR.27).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

1. *Decides* to invite the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.